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1. SUGGESTED ISSUES AND TOPICS IN REFTEL APPEAR USEFUL AND TIMELY. WOULD SUGGEST MAY WISH ALSO CONSIDER:

"OAU '79 --- PROBLEMS AND OPPORTUNITIES"

"AFRICA, THE U.S. AND THE U.N.,"

AND I WOULD PREFER TO SEE YOUR TOPIC "ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE: AFRICAN NEEDS VS OUR RESOURCE LIMITATIONS" RECAST IN A MORE POSITIVE MOLD, I.E., "ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND AFRICA: A WESTERN CHALLENGE."

2. FINALLY, I WONDER IF THERE IS ANYTHING REALLY NEW THAT CAN BE SAID ABOUT "SOUTH AFRICA AND U.S. DOMESTIC POLITICS?" PERHAPS THIS MIGHT BECOME MORE USEFUL IF WE TOOK A CONTINENT-WIDE PERSPECTIVE AND DISCUSSED "AFRICA: IS IT REALLY A U.S. DOMESTIC POLITICAL PROBLEM?" CARTER

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